



DATE: October 21, 2002
TO: Members Management Group (MMG)
FROM: Rod Sando, CBFWA *Rod Sando*
SUBJECT: Draft Action Notes for October 15, 2002 MMG Meeting

If there are no objections within five days these actions will be considered final.

Members Management Group Meeting
Tuesday October 15, 2002
EWU, Spokane, Washington

Draft Action Notes

Attendees: Lynn Hatcher, YN; John Palensky, NMFS; Pete Hassemer, IDFG; Dave Statler, NPT; Cat Black, CRITFC; Gary James, CTUIR; Bill Tweit, WDFW; Keith Wolf, KWA Ecological Sciences Inc.; and Frank Young, Tana Klum, Tom Iverson, Rod Sando, Neil Ward, CBFWA

By Phone: Howard Schaller, USFWS, Ron Boyce, ODFW; Michele DeHart, FPC; Chad Colter, SBT; Maureen Smith, USFWS; Charmane Ashbrook & David H. Johnson, WDFW

Time	Objective 1. FY 2003 Renewal Process	0%
Allocation:	Objective 2. Rolling Province Review and Subbasin Summaries	95%
	Objective 3. FY 2002 Adjustments	0%

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

ACTION: The agenda was reviewed and agenda items were reordered and agenda item four "Supplementary Actions for 2002" was added.

ITEM 2: Review and Approve Mainstem and Systemwide Project Recommendations - Tom Iverson, CBFWA

Discussion: Tom Iverson reviewed project specific changes in the work plan that has been submitted following release of the materials for this meeting. The changes involved recommended budget levels for specific projects and some wording changes in the review comments. No project funding categories were changed.

Discussion continued: Next, the MMG discussed at length how to handle a nuance of the project recommendation. Within the twelve new start projects in the Core Program and Urgent category, the AFC prioritized projects into Higher, Medium and Lower priorities. One member objected to the finer resolution of priority within the top level category. After significant discussion, it was agreed to maintain the prioritization within this group of projects. Tom Iverson was given some latitude in resolving any confusion regarding the prioritization. Once the final draft is released, the Members will have an opportunity to object if their intentions are not captured in the final recommendation.

ACTION: Tom Iverson will incorporate the proposed project specific changes that were discussed. The prioritization among the new start Core Program and Urgent category projects will be retained. The Draft FY03-05 Mainstem and Systemwide Work Plan will be sent out for consent mail for the Members approval on October 16.

ITEM 3: BPA's Financial Position - Tom Iverson, CBFWA

John Palensky discussed the draft letter and suggested the comments regarding potential savings for the spending categories should be removed from the formal letter and be included as an attachment. In addition, other participants provided written comments/suggestions for Neil Ward to add to the revised letter that will be forwarded to the CBFWA Members.

ACTION: Neil Ward will be incorporating edits to the CBFWA's Draft responses to BPA's "Financial Choices for FY 2002-2006." The revised draft will be distributed for consent mail for Members approval on October 17.

ITEM 4: Review and Approve SIMPAS (simulated passage) Comment Letter to NWPPC - Michele DeHart, FPC

ACTION: The SIMPAS draft letter was reviewed by the MMG and one edit was made in the last bullet paragraph to clarify the NWPPC analysis spill date during the meeting. John Palensky requested that Jim Ruff, NMFS approve the draft letter before it is sent to the NWPPC. If Jim Ruff approved the letter the final would be handed to Larry Cassidy at the October 16, 2002 NWPPC meeting.

ITEM 5: Supplementary Actions for 2002 - Dave Statler

Discussion: There is a concern regarding BPA's arbitrary budget reductions on pending project reviews. Several project sponsors have identified 2002 budgets that were not supplemented according to the NWPPC rolling province review recommendations. The COTR's are carrying the BPA cost cutting messages. The BPA COTRs are meeting 11/15/02 with Alex Smith for a two day workshop regarding policy and operations. CBFWA should survey membership and give specifics to BPA and benefit by sharing information.

ACTION: Add this item for discussion at the next 10/29/02 MMG meeting.